

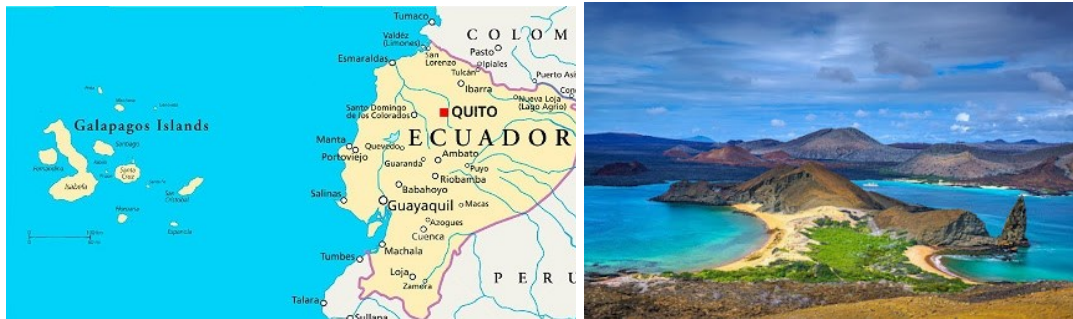


Lunarfins Scuba Club

Lunarfins, a non-profit club that promotes the sport of scuba diving.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19th at 6:00 p.m.
will be a LIVE in Person meeting with David Lenderman.

David is an avid traveler, diver and photographer. He is the current President of the Houston Underwater Photographic Society and was awarded HUPS Photographer of the Year for 2019. At the October Lunarfins meeting David will revisit his May 2021 trip to the Galapagos Islands. He will start with a PowerPoint presentation discussing general information on Galapagos including: traveling to Galapagos in the time of COVID, diving seasons, diving conditions, land sightseeing opportunities, etc. David will then share two separate music synced shows, one of video shot during the trip and one of still images shot during the trip. Following any questions David will discuss the camera gear and software used to create his shows. Time permitting David may have a bonus show to share with our group.



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Lunarfins Board Meetings
are held each month
(except August & December) at 6:30 PM.
Arrive at 6 to select your supper.
Luka's BBQ and Steakhouse
17052 Saturn Ln
If you have an item to bring before the board,
contact any board member to get on the agenda.

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Lunarfins
P.O. Box 57514
Webster, TX
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Events Calendar

(Tentative plans)



Membership

**2021 Membership dues are
Now being accepted.**

Membership runs from March
1st to February 28th 2022

The renewal form is required
each year in February.

*Please bring the form (below) to
the next meeting or mail it in.*

*Please fill in all fields completely
so that records can be verified
this time around.*

*Don't forget to check your
interest (s) and if you want to
be included in the directory.*

Membership Application

<https://www.lunarfins.com/>

**Oct. 19th—General Meeting—David Lenderman—Galapagos
Islands, Ecuador**

**Nov. 19th — General Meeting— Cindy Rueland—Diving and
Touring in Egypt**

Nov. ??? — Magical Winter Lights

Dec. 6 — Lunarfin's Christmas Party@ 5pm—Contact Kim Murphy

Pre-Owned Dive Gear for Sale

US Divers Shoe Fins Size 6 1/2-8 (40-41) Black

Please contact Ja Van Pruett (all proceeds goes to Lunarfin's)

In the Market For New Gear?

Gigglin' Marlin has offered our members a discount on equipment. So if you are in the market for maybe a wet suit, a regulator, or a BCD, contact Louise Toole. A letter will be generated that you are a member in good standing and mailed to Gigglin' Marlin. Check out the Gigglin' Marlin web page and get more familiar with the dive shop. <https://gigglinmarlin.com>

**For those Lunarfin's having SCUBA cylinders requiring hydrostatic testing,
Western Sales & Testing is recommended. They will also do a VIP if requested.**

They are located at 2814 East P Ave., Deer Park.



ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Cindy Reuland
Vice President	Ja Van Pruett
Secretary	Courtney Scherer
Treasurer	John Gorman
Social Director	Brion Saathoff

APPOINTED

Training information	Bill Jones
Trip information	OPEN
TGCC Representative	Tom Burns
Advisor	PeeWee Dwire
Advisor	Dennis Deavenport
Advisor	Fred Toole
Newsletter	Ja Van Pruett
Website	Tom Burns

**Do you have
any ideas for
event or**

**Topics for
Speakers for
2022?**

**Please share
them with any
of our
officers.**



Lunarphins President's Notes

Hi Lunarphins,

We had our second in person General meeting in September at Las Haciendas. We had a few issues that have been resolved. Thank you for your patience! The speaker from Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network was great and as a reminder we donated to them last year. The memorial for Randy Widaman was well attended and Frank Burek (President of Texas Gulf Coast Council) presented Randy's sister, Peggy, with a plaque to name a Flower Gardens reef after Randy! Great work, JaVan, in getting the event organized for our former Lunarphins President.

October will be a hybrid meeting to include Zoom as I will be calling in remotely and we would like to try our hybrid capability for members to be able to join as needed. Please be patient with us as we try it and let us know if you have suggestions. Do join us in person if you can at 6 pm to order your dinner and we will start our general meeting at around 6:30 pm and our speaker at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you!

The board has also been working on a revised charter as dues amounts are in the 2017 constitution and other outdated statements that need updates. The revised charter will be sent with the newsletter. Please review it and it will be voted on at the November general meeting by the members. When you vote on the new Constitution, you are voting to remove the set dues amount so that it can be set as needed by the board without having to revise the Constitution yearly. The plan is not to revise dues every year but the decision will be up to the board based on club needs and activities.

Before the vote on the revision to the Constitution, the board spent significant time researching and reviewing the dues. The board voted and approved that the 2022/2023 dues to be paid by March 31, 2022 are \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families. This will not be fully approved until after the Constitution is approved at the November meeting. The additional funds will cover increases in expenses. We have not increased dues in over 20 years and expenses have gone up such as the website, PO box, meeting equipment, etc. We benchmarked other clubs in the area and these are within the same range. The board agrees that we can provide more for the club with this small increase. We have managed to maintain the club during very difficult times and we would like to grow the club to continue with the goals and mission.

Thank you and please reach out to me or other board members with any concerns.

Cindy Reuland

2020-2021 President



positions still open

Trip information

When you volunteer you become a bigger part of the club,
we always want new ideas.

Folks! Please remember, the more you volunteer for leadership or to be in charge of an event. [The more you enjoy your club.](#)



Thank you

Our speakers for September was Sarah Piwetz

Sarah is the Research Director for the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network. Her background is primarily in dolphin behavioral ecology and the effect of human activity in coastal marine mammal habitats. Sarah has over 12 years of academic and profession experience in marine mammal research and conducted fieldwork in 8 countries.

Very informative presentations. So sorry if you missed it.

New Logo Lunarfins T-shirts

Would you like a New Logo Lunarfins T-shirt? We have two colors the first order. If you would like to have one or more two styles, Blue or Red, a Crew or a V-Neck. We have only 4 left. Please contact Brion Saathoff at @ brionsaathoff@icloud.com. Or JaVan Pruett @ caladyfish@gmail.com



Pending Events

^{21th} Annual Bill Jones 2022 COZUMEL Vacation Package

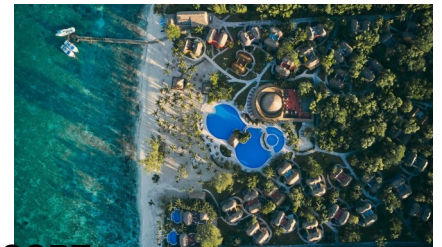
NON-STOP Flight Departing from HOUSTON's Bush Intercontinental Airport.
Other Departure Cities are Available.

July 2022 for 8 Days, 7 nights

**for approximately \$1199 pp, dbl occ, tax incl.
Less than \$150 per day**

DIVING IS NOT INCLUDED or Required

Tickets will go on-sale in January 2022



Staying at the fabulous IBEROSTAR COZUMEL RESORT

The Annual Bill Jones Cozumel Vacations Group Package Price INCLUDES:

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All Taxes, Exit Fees, and Gratuities

For Detailed Information, Contact: Mr.Bill.Jones@comcast.net

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Brion's Corner

Hello Lunarfans members, I hope all is well.

I was reading an article the other day that the Florida wildlife commission voted to lift the 30-year-old ban on the goliath grouper.

Goliath groupers are predominantly found of the south eastern coast of the United States.

They can reach 8 foot in length and weigh up to 800 pounds. The ban was in stated in 1990 when the groupers reached threateningly low numbers due to overfishing and habitat destruction.

The commissioners voted for a limited highly regulated goliath grouper harvested starting in 2023 it will be a limit of 200 permits per year Issued through a lottery system of one individual per permit. They can only be caught by hook and line fishing tackle, no spearfishing. Each permit would be good from March 1 to May 31. The fish would be in a size slot of 20 inches minimum to 35 inches maximum. South Florida and the Florida Keys would remain off-limits to the harvest.

A lot of the members of the Dive community do not agree with this as they are saying that the numbers that are being shown on paper by researchers do not look like the numbers that the divers are seeing down there first hand. Critics to lifting the ban argue that they still have not populated back to their historic levels and that they are susceptible to mass die offs.

The other side of the discussion is that the groupers are massive Apex predators and when they over populate, they tend to take over a reef area and put extreme pressure on the fishes in that habitat. Most of the specialists in the field feel that it's a little premature to lift the ban, but say if it's going to be lifted that it needs to be monitored very closely due to the group's sensitivity to environmental fluctuations.

It was a unanimous vote by the commissioners on the draft proposal with Intentions to make amendments before the final vote/ The changes will be voted on March20, 2022 and will be in stated for 2023 season. I have never been fortunate enough to actually dive with a giant grouper but I hope someday that I will be able to enjoy that experience. I'm sure a few of our members have some really good grouper tales to tell.

On a sidenote we had a really good time at the beach party, there was a nice breeze, it was a sunny day not too hot/ The sand was packed, not a lot of loose sand. Got to spend a few hours vising in an open environment. There was plenty of food, snacks and drinks.

Cheers.

Brion

Social Director

You should have been there!!

RANDY WIDAMAN'S — CELEBRATION OF LIFE



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Events You Might Be Interested In



Las Haciendas c

October 19th, 6:00pm

**Come at 6pm– order off menu, 6:30—7pm announcements
& social. Speaker start at 7 pm.**

With David Lenderman

1020 W Nasa Rd 1 (off I-45 by Star cinema)

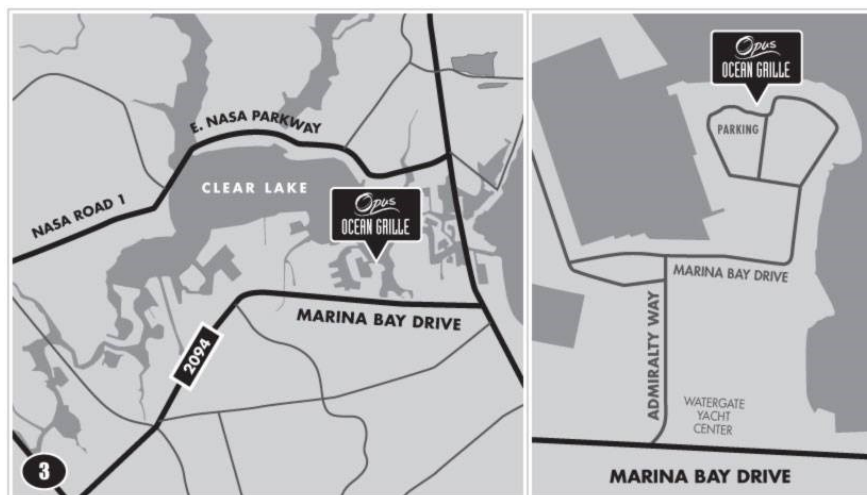
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2021 NASA Lunarfins Christmas Party

OPUS OCEAN GRILLE



1510 Marina Bay Drive, Building 124

Opus Ocean Grille offers a variety of your favorite fresh seafood dishes; from oysters on the half shell, Alaskan King Crab, Chilean Sea Bass and much more! Located within the Watergate Yachting Center in Clear Lake Shores, our water-front dining experience makes for a perfect brunch or evening out with Friends and family.

Be sure to bring a gift (something you would like to receive) for Gift Exchange.
Door prizes!

I need a good head count by November 17th.

Please RSVP: Kim Murphy, text or email

kmutphy5717@gmail.com or caladyfish@gmail.com

<http://www.opusoceangrille.com/>

HOUSTON UNDERWATER FILM FESTIVAL

Will be held April 2-3, 2022

at the Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston (MATCH)

HUFF aims to promote underwater film making and appreciation of the beauty and diversity of all things underwater as well as encouraging the art of underwater videography. Underwater videographers from around the world are invited to submit entries for consideration for screening.

Enter films at filmfreeway.com/houstonunderwaterfilmfestival. Entries are free.

See the rules and buy \$10 HUFF 2020.virtual tickets at hups.org/huff.

These are the categories to enter:

Novice: For persons entering the contest who are new to underwater video and who request assistance in video post processing, HUPS members, dive shop personnel, other friends, or someone familiar with video editing can provide assistance in editing, color correction and music. Such assistance is naturally limited, and videos will be accepted based on available resources as well as the other elements of acceptance criteria stated in the Rules & Terms. Length is limited to under 2 minutes. Contact us at huff@hups.org for more information.

Fixed Lens: This category is limited to cameras without interchangeable lenses such as compacts, GoPro, SeaLife and others. Wet lenses such as macro or wide angle are acceptable. Length is under 2 minutes.

Short Videos: Videos that do not fit in categories 1 or 2 but are under 2 minutes in length.

Feature Length Films: Videos that do not fall in the first 3 categories. The length is 2 - 5 minutes.

Made in Texas: This category will award winners from the other 4 categories for the best films submitted by a Texan. Creator(s) must have their primary residence in Texas. To win in this category you must submit a film to one of the other 4 categories.

The HUFF Committee visited the Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston (MATCH) on July 22, to begin planning the event. **Very modern and high-tech.**

Submission Procedure:

Films must be submitted through FilmFreeway no later than January 10, 2020.

Acceptance status will be communicated no later than March 1, 2022 via email.

Entry Link: filmfreeway.com/houstonunderwaterfilmfestival

Dates & Deadlines: Opening Date: June 22,

Entry Deadline: January 11, 2022

Notification Date: No later than March 1, 2022

Event Dates: April 2-3, 2022

Contact Information:

Website - hups.org

Email: huff@hups.org

Phone: 713-231-4052

Address: 14 Windermere Ln.,

Houston, Texas 77063 USA



The Lunarfins Scuba Club was organized in 1963 by a small group of divers who worked at the Manned Spacecraft Center, as Johnson Space Center (JSC) was known back then. The club grew primarily through the sponsorship of SCUBA training classes, local dive trips and social activities. Since that time, membership has broadened to include anyone interested in diving. The majority of our members are in some way affiliated with NASA but this is not a requirement for membership and we have members from all across the board.



You should have been there!!

Great Weather!

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<https://www.tgccdiving.org/>

TPWD reefs:
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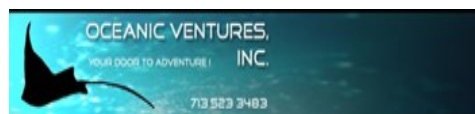
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Oceanic Ventures

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Dive Vacations That Count – Key Largo FL

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Texas Dive Center

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Giglin' Marlin Dive & Swim

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giglinmarlin.com



Maximum Scuba

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maximum-scuba.com



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Texas Scuba Adventures

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